

It was formerly supposed that the motmot were away the web from its tail feathers by constantly turning around while sitting on its nest, and when Waterston explained the real reason for the condition of the feathers he laughed at. Recently, however, captive birds have been seen to perform the cutting operation.—*J. C. Beard, in Harper's Magazine.*

—The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study hard to get money without honestly earning it.—*Horace Greeley.*